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SUBJECT: LATEST PRONOUNCEMENTS BY FONMIN ON CUBA

1. OCTOBER 6 FOREIGN MINISTER CALVANI REITERATED TO PRESS UPON RETURN FROM UNGA THESIS THAT RENEWAL OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH CUBA SHOULD RESULT FROM OAS GROUP DECISION. ASKED ABOUT MEETING WITH CUBAN AMBASSADOR ALARCON AT UN, CALVANI NOTED IT WAS NO SECRET, SAID THE TWO ANALYZED VARIOUS EVENTS INCLUDING UN ISSUES, BUT INDICATED DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WERE NOT DISCUSSED. HE CHARACTERIZED VISIT OF MINISTER OF STATE FOR YOUTH, SCIENCE AND CULTURE CARDENAS TO CUBA PRESENTLY UNDERWAY AS EXAMPLE OF PREVIOUSLY REFERRED TO MAINTENANCE OF "HUMAN RELATIONS," BUT DENIED IT PRESAGED IMMEDIATE RESTORATION OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS.

2. HOWEVER CALVANI REFUSED TO SAY VENEZUELA WOULD NOT TAKE UNILATERAL ACTION ON RELATIONS IN ABSENCE OF OAS DECISION CONCERNING VENEZUELA'S PROPOSED CUBA RESOLUTION. CALVANI ALSO DECLINED TO STATE WHAT DEGREE OF SUPPORT VENEZUELA NOW HAS FOR RESOLUTION, REPEATING FORMULATION THAT NOT ALL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NATIONS APPROACHED BY GOV HAVE REPLIED.

3. LOCAL PRESS HAD HEADLINED OCTOBER 4 MEETING OF CALVANI AND ALARCON AND RESULTANT SPECULATION FROM UN THAT IT PRESAGED RENEWAL OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS NO LATER THAN END OF NOVEMBER. LATEST CAUTIOUS PRONOUNCEMENTS BY CALVANI INDICATE GOV IS STILL CONSIDERING NATURE OF CONTACTS WITH CUBA OVER NEAR TERM. APPARENT HESITATION IS GENERALLY ASCRIBED BY EMBASSY SOURCES TO UNCERTAINTIES CAUSED BY EVENTS IN CHILE.
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